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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA **EASTERN DIVISION**

SUPER 8 MOTELS, INC.)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. 3:06-cv-00206-MHT
JALA INVESTMENTS, INC., et al.)
Defendant.)

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The parties, through their respective counsel, hereby respectfully request a thirty-day extension of the January 8, 2007 deadline to file appropriate papers in light of the parties' settlements. (See doc. no. 38). The parties expect to be ready to file a joint stipulation of dismissal on or before February 7, 2007. As grounds for this motion the parties state as follows:

- 1. The parties reached a settlement in principle in this case as represented to the Court on December 4, 2006 (doc. no. 35).
- 2. Settlement paperwork has been drafted and the parties are presently completing final review and revision of the documents.
 - 3. The parties are working together to finalize and execute the necessary paperwork.
- 4. The parties are confident that all settlement paperwork can be finalized in the next 30 days and the parties will be able to file a joint stipulation of dismissal within that time.

WHEREFORE, the parties request that the Court allow them an additional 30 days, up to and including February 7, 2007, to finalize the settlements and to file the appropriate papers with the Court and the parties ask that all other deadlines be stayed.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of January, 2007.

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